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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: Yukihiisa TAKEUCHI, Kazuyoshi SHIBATA and Masahiko NAMERIKAWA

Ser. No.: 09/672,069

Group Art Unit: 2834

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For: PIEZOELECTRIC/ELECTROSTRICTIVE DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

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**AMENDMENT\***

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the RCE on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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\* An RCE is being contemporaneously filed herewith.

**ENCLOSURES**

4. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
- ☐ An Identification of Copending Application(s) and Form PTO-1449
- ☒ An Amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

5. This application is on behalf of:

- ☐ Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$375.00
- ☒ Other than a small entity \$750.00

Continued Examination Request Fee \$750.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

6. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid	(5) No. of Extra Claims Present	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	44	MINUS	67	0	\$18.00	\$00.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	5	0	\$84.00	\$00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$00.00

(c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

**OR**

(d) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$.

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9. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

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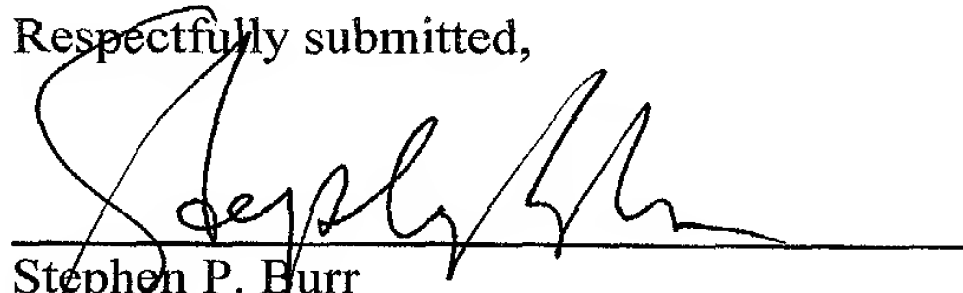
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